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Allies Take Verdun And Push on toward The Belgian Border To Hold No Tobacco Sales on Local Market Next Monday The Belgian Border To the first time in years and markets planned to diverged the Geviewed from old Enterprise Red Cross Bandage In WORLD WAR I Gain In Its Activities But Sales Are Light on

American Forces Are Within Fifty Miles of German Territory

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The battle of France, for all practical purposes, has been won, late reports stating that a hot race is now pointing toward Belgium and German soil. The capture of Verdun, World War I battlefield where the French valiantly fought the Germans back in 1916, by the Americans was announced this morning, placing the Allies within fifty miles of German soil. At the same time, the Americans have reached Sedan on the Belgian border. It will be recalled that Allied forces, twenty-six years ago today, crossed the Belgian border, and that feat may be duplicated before the day is spent. General Patton's Army traveled sixty miles through old World War I battle grounds in the past twenty-four hours to chalk up the new victories.

While the Americans were sweeping forward, the British were handling an extensive drive of their own into the rocket coast. Advances of nearly eight miles were reported by them in less than three days, the drive taking advanced units across the Somme at Amiens and shutting off over 100 miles of the robot bomb launching area.

The enemy retreat has been so rapid that it has become disorganized, reports declaring that the rear guard has been eliminated and that the pursuers are tearing to shreds the main German forces.

The Germans warned today that their new secret weapon will greet the Allies at the German border. It was also claimed the Germans were about ready to release their No .2 robot. High military authorities are of the opinion that the Germans will not use poison gas. The authorities point out that the Allies are in a much better position to spread the poison stuff than the Germans are, and for that reason Hitler and his gang will go slow even if their policy is to wreck and ruin.

General Eisenhower declared again yesterday that he saw no reason why victory over Germany should not come in 1944.

As the war enters its sixth year today, the nations count a death toll estimated at 25 million and a cost that runs into the trillions of dollars. It was revealed yesterday that the Americans had lost 3,000 planes in

For the first time in years and markets planned to disregard the possibly in the history of the mar- Tobacco Association of the United ket, no tobacco auction sales will be States ordering the suspension of held on the local market next Mon- sales that day. At the same time it day, September 4th, on account of was pointed out that the authorities

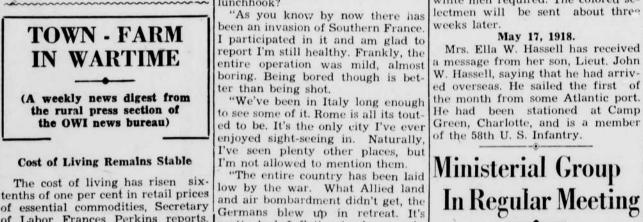
the Labor Day holiday, it was offi- would demand the recall of the buy cially announced this week by the ers from any market that did not Tobacco Board of Trade. Sales will comply with the closing order. be resumed the following day in The holiday, unexpectedly called accordance with a new sales card, it by the tobacco association, upsets the was announced. sales schedule for the second time.

No holiday will be observed here Local warehousemen prepared sales by general business, but the banks, cards for the first-announced openpost office, Virginia Electric and ing on August 21. That date was Power Company and liquor store changed and cards were altered to 127 colored drafted men of Martin will be closed. No mail deliveries coincide with the delayed opening County called to report for military will be effected in either the town on August 28. And now before a or rural communities and the post week of the season was spent, the fill calls for entrainment to Camp office windows will be closed that warehousemen are having new sales Grant and Camp Jackson, every man

The tobacco market holiday will card, the Carolina warehouse here and two of those who did not report be general throughout the belt. It will have first sale next Tuesday, the were sick and the other man did not was reported, however, that some day after the holiday.



Staff Sergeant L. Nelson Leggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leggett of Robersonville, is pictured receiving a citation for meritorious achievement in the USAAF.



files twenty-seven years ago)

May 3, 1918. On Friday morning of last week the following eight white selectees

lef for Camp Jackson: William Eason Price, Kelly Lorenzo Rawls, Sam Stewart Hardison, George Gordon Bailey, Lonnie C. Gardner, Albert Q. Roebuck, Simon Peter Harrison Robert L. Coburn.

It is gratifying to state that of th duty within the past thirty days to cards printed. According to the new answered to the roll call except three

get his mail.

This week, Rev. W. R. Burrell spoke at Poplar Point Township on Local Boy Declares "Third Liberty Loan Bonds," and the sale of bonds amounted to \$16,000 that evening.

Hugh Stokes, another of Oak City's oys, volunteered and joined the Na-

vy two weeks ago. May 10, 1918. 'loday, the following selected men left for Camp Scriven at Savannah, Inflation Is Now Rampant in Ga.: Robert A. Moore, Sylvester S. Moore, Edwin C. Sexton, and Northe battlefield.

man King Harrison. Martin County has gone "Over the Top" in the Third Liberty Loan ieutenant Z. Hardy Rose, Jr., local Drive. The county went over its allotment about 35 per cent.

Mrs. W. H. Harrell has received a letter from her son, W. H. Harrell, in which he states that he has been appointed Assistant Surgeon in the Navy with the rank of Junior Lieutenant.

Out of the 8,114 North Carolina follow men to be entrained for camp on May 25th, or during the five-day swer. Whatsa matter, did you fall period thereafter, Martin County off the porch and bust your right will furnish 72 of the number of white men required. The colored selectmen will be sent about three weeks later. May 17, 1918.

Mrs. Ella W. Hassell has received message from her son, Lieut. John W. Hassell, saying that he had arriv ed overseas. He sailed the first of

the month from some Atlantic port. He had been stationed at Camp Green, Charlotte, and is a member



Tobacco Market Here Leaders Ask Others To Help Prepare Remaining 16,-**400 Surgical Dressings** After waddling along at a slow

and honestly disheartening pace, work in the Red Cross bandage room developed a new, faster and more encouraging trend this week when volunteers reported in increased numbers and materially boosted the task toward completion. However, it was pointed out that there are 46,-400 dressings yet to be prepared, and more volunteer workers are asked to report as often as they possibly an

The outlook for the project was not very encouraging a few days ago when only two or three persons found time to visit the room. And there are still large numbers who have not seriously recognized the urgent need for the work and shown an honest-to-goodness willingness to help handle it. "Won't you give just a few hours to the work any afternoon or night including Sunday?' The work is not contributing to the destruction associated with war. It merely offers relief for suffering, bleeding humanity-our boys- on

Oniley Shepard Cowan, Jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Oni-Late reports from the several supley S. Cowan, Sr., of Williamsporting units state that Jamesville ton, made the supreme sacrifice has completed 3,433 dressings and for his country in the Mediterits volunteers are working on 9,000 ranean theater on August 18. more. Accepting 4,500 pieces of ma-The youth volunteered for servterial, Hamilton volunteers will open ice in the U.S. Navy in January, dressing room there next Monday 1943, and was serving on a deafternoon. Bear Grass is now work stroyer at the time of his death. ing on 1,500 dressings.

Crop in This Section Expect-

ed to Sell for About Eight

and One-Half Cents

According to an unofficial report

171.90

169.70

167.50

165.30

163.10

160.90

158.70

156.50

154.30

152.10

149.90

147.70

145.50

143.30

141.10

138.90

136.70

134.50

131.50

The names of those reporting to he local room since last Monday, Announce Growers'

Monday night: Misses Mary War ren, Della Jane Mobley and Millie Peanut Prices For Biggs, Mesdames C. R. Mobley, Edwin Holding, G. H. Harrison, Jno. L. Goff, Anna S. Harrison, Bud Peele, John Gray Corey, John R. Peele, B.

F. Perry, B. S. Courtney, W. O. Grif-fin, Verner Godwin, W. E. Old, Ralph Parker, Leman Barnhill, H. D. Harrison, A. R. White and J. Manning. Tuesday afternoon: Mesdames D.

R. Davis, A. E. Browder, Joe Roebuck, Frank Weaver and Dean Speight. Tuesday night: Mesdames B. S.

verage of about eight and one-half Courtney, H. H. Cowen, Sam Zeman, Elton Andrews, Tom Letchworth, Abner Brown and L. P. Lindsley, the crop in this section. and Misses Mary Elizabeth Keel, Bolton Cowen, Edith Hines, Sham-

Expect Larger Sales KILLED IN ACTION After 1-Day Holiday In The Bright Belt

Prices for Inferior Grades **Higher Than Those Paid On Opening Day**

Although sales continue unusualy light on the local tobacco market, the general price average is higher today than it was on opening day, official figures placing the market average between 43 and 44 cents a pound or right at the ceiling level. The added strength is centered on the inferior quality grades, one report from the market stating that those grades that sold for 40 cents on opening day are now bringing two cents a pound more. Little or no change has been noted in the prices paid for the better grades, and 47

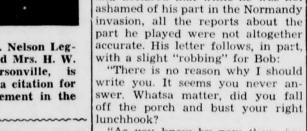
cents continues to be about tops. Following the opening last Monlay when approximately 118,000 pounds of poor quality tobacco was sold for an average slightly under 43 cents a pound, sales were unusually light, some observers declaring they were reminded of the sales at the latter part of the season. It is believed the record low was reached on Tuesday, however, and that a gradual increase is almost certain to follow with the possibility that the markets will head toward a block the latter part of next week or the week following. Exclusive of the The Coming Season sales today ,it is estimated that the market has sold right at 200,000

The sale today comes nearer approaching the opening-day figures of any reported this week. Tobacco was placed on the floors late yesterday and early today by farmers from at least six counties, including Chowan, Bertie, Washington and Pamust recently released, peanut price lico

eilings for the new crop have been There is no marked improvement ixed, the report indicating that an in the quality of the general offerings, but occasionally better types cents a pound is to be expected for of leaf stand out in spots on the floors.

The following figures show the Many farmers are completing the price ceilings per ton for runner and Virginia types, f.o.b. the grow-ing is expected to get underway on a fairly large scale next week. Re-Runner[®] Virginia ports state that in some instances, \$178.50 \$192.50 (Continued on page four) 190.10 176.30 174.10 187.70





"As you know by now there has been an invasion of Southern France. I participated in it and am glad to report I'm still healthy. Frankly, the entire operation was mild, almost boring. Being bored though is better than being shot.

"We've been in Italy long enough to see some of it. Rome is all its touted to be. It's the only city I've ever enjoyed sight-seeing in. Naturally, of the 58th U. S. Infantry.

I've seen plenty other places, but

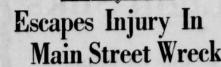
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No Court Session Held Last Monday

It was not listed on any schedule, but Judge J. C. Smith declaréd a holiday for the county recorder's and July 1942. Higher prices for court last Monday, the jurist explaining that it was tobacco opening day and since that even is about the greatest of any during the year for the farmer, it was in order to take green beans. the day off. There were very few cases on the docket anyway, and those that were there will come up for trial next Monday when, strangely enough, the tobacco markets and a few other business establishments are to observe the day as a holiday.

A fairly large docket is already in the making for next Monday, the cases representing a varied list of law infractions.

Two defendants are up for operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses. Three are charged with drunken driving. One is booked for reckless and hit-and-run driving. Another is charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Stil another is charged with operating a ing. liquor still, and a tenth one is booked for speeding. There was a dis-turbance in the Oak City section last Will Open Fourth ed for speeding. There was a dis-Monday night when several Jamesville young white men invaded the town and questioned Chief Edmond Early's right to arrest them. They are booked for disorderly conduct and interferring with an officer in the performance of his duty. One report reaching here stated that the officer was attacked and kicked in the face. County officers and members of the highway patrol were called and they helped round up four or five of the young men, it was learned.



Clinton L. Haislip, USN, escaped uninjured when his car sideswiped a telephone pole on West Main Street here last Tuesday night. His 1937 coupe had a fender ripped off, officers estimating the damage at about \$25. No damage was done to the pole or the wires suspended from

Charged with drunken driving, Haislip, 18 years old, was temporarily detained. A case is pending in they hold their regular meeting here the county recorder's court against next Monday. The auditor's office is the young man who was released completing the 1944-45 tax books and under bond. He was said to have been will turn them over to the collector Monday as a holiday, it was announcspending a short leave with rela-tives in Pitt County. will turn them over to the collector Monday as a holiday, it was announc-board. determine the state of the state of the collector of the collector of the collector of the state of th

of essential commodities, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reports. pretty bad. Inflation is also a prob-The figure is for the month ended lem, not to us but for the Italians. July 15, most recent for which data Cigarettes are selling for one to two are available. During the last year, Secretary Perkins added, average prices of family living essentials have easily. Everything else is in ratio to risen 1.8 per cent, as compared with advances of 6 per cent and 11 per

this. We have Eyeties in the kitchen working for seventy cents a day and cent in the years ended July 1943 food. Any one of them carries a thousand bucks or more in his walfresh fruits and vegetables were let. noted. Prices for potatoes, sweet po-"Our outfit is under field conditatoes, spinach and onions were up tions, living in tents, chow lines, in July, but there were large demess kits, etc. . . . All the officers creases for cabbage, lettuce and

got together and built showers and an officers' club. We did every bit of the work. The club features cog-Now You Can Draw a Eead on 'Em nac, vermuth, wine and domestic If you have a few moments to spare, you may begin to oil up the (Continued on page four)

family flintlock. WPB has taken cognizance of the fact that animals **Bear Grass Farmer** and birds are causing widespread destruction to crops and livestock all over the country. The ban on the Loses Tobacco Barn sale of ammunition to hunters will

be removed temporarily in the near future. Available for nimrods will Starting possibly from a fallen news came of the end of the Eube 240 million rim fire cartridges, 8 stick, fire destroyed a tobacco barn ropean campaign. million center fire cartridges and and a large shelter on Farmer Cal-130 million shotgun shells, Wolves, coyotes, foxes, weasels, wild ducks, sundown Tuesday. There were about crowds and pheasants should not be 750 sticks of choice tobacco in the told of this regulation. Happy hunt-

Pre-Natal Clinic

The Martin County Health De partment will open its fourth prenatal clinic in the county at Robersonville on Thursday, September 14, it was announced this week by Mrs. Fleming, department nurse. The clinic will be maintained on the second Thursday in each month. In addition to the care offered expect-

ant mothers, the clinic will also extend its services to babies up to oneyear old and their mothers. The clinic will be open to white patrons Main Street Wreck only, the department explaining that one is held on the last Tuesday only, the department explaining in each month for colored patrons.

Other clinics are functioning in Williamston on the first Tuesday and Wednesday, Jamesville on the second Tuesday and at Oak City.

Short Session In Prospect For County Commissioners With very little business on the

docket a short session is in prospect for the county commissioners when

The Williamston Ministerial Assoriation met yesterday in the study bucks a package. An old pair of GI of the Baptist Church in order to shoes would bring twenty-five bucks work out plans for the fall months. easily. Everything else is in ratio to It was decided to begin all night services at 8 o'clock with a full program for the local churches including evening services.

Rev. John L. Goff reported to the ssociation that he had conferred with county health authorities regarding the lowering of the ages of Burroughs. children attending Bible school. Upon recommendation of the county health authorities the ministerial association voted to keep the age level

at 16 years until the opening of school, feeling that it was better to sacrifice a little time rather than expose any child by having them asemble.

Rev. Joseph Huske, Jr., rector of the Church of the Advent was elected to membership.

It was agreed that all churches would be opened for prayer when

vin Ayers' farm in Bear Grass about Wounded Soldier Hopes To Return Home Shortly

Lewis Taylor, Martin County barn, and the owner estimated the

loss at \$1,500 with about \$250 in-surance in force. It was about the wounded in France on June 11, extwenty-first tobacco barn to have pressed in a letter to his mother, brakes. been destroyed by fire in the county Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker, a this season.

be able to return home soon. He Just as he approached the barn, Mr. Ayers heard the fire roaring. He also stated he was able to be up and with operating a motor vehicle on

asked a member of the family to that it felt mighty good to be able ring the farm bell and within just to walk again. He did not say where few minutes nearly 100 neighbors he is now located, but he asked his

reached there and prevented the mother not to worry about him. fire from spreading to another barn just a few feet away. A number of from Congressman Bonner a few sticks of cured tobacco, several cords days ago in which he expressed his of wood, a disk and tobacco sticks sorrow to learn her son had been

were removed from the barn shelter wounded and expressed the hope he just ahead of the fire, but Mr. Ayers' would soon recover. He assured her son, Harry Calvin, suffered a heat that the government had prepared stroke and had to be given medical the best medical treatment possible treatment.

Postpone Revival Meeting At Piney Grove Church

The revival meeting that was to begin at Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night has been postponed in accord with the advice of the State Board of Health, and the Sunday school is closed until further notice, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington.



The local library will observe next

ma Ramey, Elsie Richardson, Mary and Virginia types, f.o.b. the grow

B. Sellech, Mamie M. Parker, Betsy Meat Content Manning, "Bootsie" Lyons, Elaine 75 Percent Burroughs, Millie Biggs, Anne Fow-74 Percent den, Mary Charles Godwin, Lorene 73 Percent Weaver, Mary O'Neal Pope and Mar-72 Percent jorie Lindsley. 71 Percent Wednesday afternoon: Mesdames

70 Percent B. S. Courtney, J. G. Cheatham, T. 69 Percent 3. Brandon, C. C. Parker, Elbert 68 Percent Sherman, J. B. Taylor, D. L. Speight, 67 Percent Travis Kitchin, E. R. Froneberger, 66 Percent and B. S .Courtney and Miss Elaine 65 Percent 64 Percent



Following a fairly long period of little activity, business picked up in 54 Percent Justice J. L. Hassell's court here

above, peanuts with a greater than during the past few days. For the justice, the fines running up to \$10 nuts in this section.

in two cases.

orderly. Roy Boston was fined \$10 and taxed with \$8.50 costs. Walter Jackson Cullipher was required to pay \$7 costs for operating

a motor vehicle with improper County Young Man A ten-dollar fine with \$6 costs at

few days ago the hope that he would tached was imposed in the case charging Richard Benjamin Jones

he wrong side of the road. Rufus Taylor was taxed \$9.50 costs for being publicly drunk.

Frank Brown was required to pay \$8.50 costs for public drunkenness. Charged with disorderly conduct, Walter Anderson was taxed with \$6.50 costs.

In the case charging him with a simple assault, Frank Scott was required to pay \$6.50 costs.

Sunday Services In The

Presbyterian Churches ness and skill displayed by him in

Rev. James Pharr of Grover, N. materially aided in the successful ., will conduct services in the sev- completion of these missions. His acral county Presbyterian churches Sunday, Williamston at 11 a. m.; self and the Armed Forces of the of a heart attack. He had been ill Roberson's Chapel at 12:30; Poplar United States.'

8:30 p. m. To Conduct Revival In

A revival meeting will be held in he Cross Roads Christian Church beginning Monday night, September

Point at 3:36, and at Bear Grass at

The ten-day meeting will be held by Rev. Perry Bauldman, of here the week of October 9, it was understood the body was returned Creswell. Each service will begin announced this week by Manager to his old home at Wise for inter-W. E. Dunn. promptly at 8:30 p.m.



The big fire last Tuesday night in 170.90 168.50 Bethei, costing J. R. Kellis of Wilm-166.10 ington his life and destroying Carson's filling station and three store 163.70 161.30 buildings near the intersection of the 158.90 Greenville and Tarboro Highways, 156.50 did damage estimated at \$75,000 or 154.10 more. In addition to the real proper-151.70 ty loss, a large oil transport truck 149.30 loaded with nearly 4,000 gallons of 146.90 kerosene for scheduled delivery to 144.50 a Williamston oil firm, a truck park-141.50 ed on the streets and several hogs-In addition to the prices listed heads of tobacco were burned.

Fire departments in Robersonville, first time in many months, substan- 75 per cent meat content carry a Greenville and Tarboro sent equiptial fines were imposed by the trial premium. There are few such pea- ment to fight the fire. The fire would have possibly burned more property

For Virginia type peanuts, the had the oil not drained into a storm Charged with being drunk and dis- price may be boosted \$1.50 per ton sewer. The oil continued to burn in for each five per cent of extra large the sewer and was seen breaking through the ground some distance (Continued on page four) from the main fire. Show windows were broken by the heat in stores across the street.

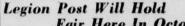
Driving east on the highway, Kellis had almost cleared the intersec-Receives Citation is had almost cleared the intersecward Belcher and loaded with tobacco, plowed into the side of the

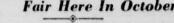
Staff Sergeant L. Nelson Leggett, oil truck. The big transport plungon of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leggett ed into Carson's filling station and f Robersonville, recently received a steel beam fell across the cab, and citation for meritorious services as it is believed by some that the truck member of the United States Army driver was badly injured by the Air Force. He received the Air Medbeam. However, it was said he callil on July 7th in England. ed for help. The fire spread so rap-The citation, made at the direction idly that attempts to remove him

of Major General Hodges, reads: were futile. 'For meritorious achievement in accomplishing with distinction over half of his aerial operational missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, cool-

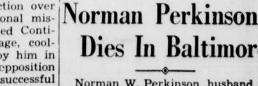
the face of determined epposition tion reflects great credit upon him-

Now in England, the young man in a recent letter to his parents stated that he was getting along all right.





The American Legion, after skip-ping a year, will hold a county fair could not be learned here, but it is ment.



Dies In Baltimore

Norman W. Perkinson, husband of Mrs. Lenora Corey Perkinson, died in a Baltimore hospital last Sunday

only a short time. Mr. Perkinson was born in Warren County sixty years ago and was married to Miss Corey of this county in 1911. They had made their

home in Baltimore for the past twenty-six years. He was a member of Fair Here In October the Baptist Church for a long number of years.



trucks-have been allotted this county for September, it was announced today by Mrs. Irene Blount, rationing board clerk. The quota is slightly larger than

ready issued are finding it next

to impossible to get tires in cer-

tain sizes. Possibly the shortage

is only temporary and will be

relieved in a short time. No tires

for large trucks were allotted.

TIRE QUOTA

it was for August. While the quota is larger for the current month it is reported that holders of certificates al-

More than three hundred tires -271 for cars and 36 for small